

## Elmo and Lupita Nyong'o



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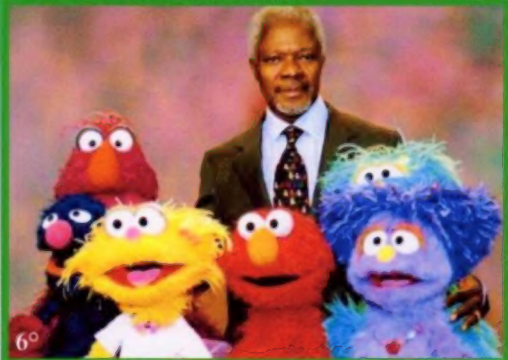
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Elmo is a 3½-year-old furry red monster with an orange nose and a high pitched voice and a contagious giggle. Elmo almost always refers to himself in the third person. Enthusiastic, friendly, and cheerful, Elmo always wants to be part of everything that goes on. However, like most preschoolers, he sometimes doesn't have the skills or knowledge to do what he wants. But that never stops him because he has a very positive, optimistic view of himself and life. Elmo loves eating his favorite food, wasabi, riding on his tricycle, and being tickled. Lupita Nyong'o (b. 1983) is a Kenyan/Mexican actress, known for her Academy Award-winning role in *12 Years a Slave* (2013) and her role as Nakia in the superhero film *Black Panther* (2018). Nyong'o appears in the Word of the Day segment from *Sesame Street* Episode 4503, explaining the word "skin" with Elmo.

Lupita Nyong'o (b. 1983) is a Kenyan-Mexican actress and director, known for her Academy Award-winning role in the 2013 film *12 Years a Slave*. Nyong'o made her Broadway debut as a teenage orphan in the play *Eclipsed* (2015), for which she was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Actress in a Play. She went on to perform as Maz Kanata in the *Star Wars* sequel trilogy (2015–2019) and a lead voice role as Raksha in *The Jungle Book* (2016). Nyong'o's career progressed with her role as Nakia in the Marvel Cinematic Universe superhero film *Black Panther* (2018) and her starring role in Jordan Peele's critically acclaimed horror film *Us* (2019). Nyong'o also has written a children's book titled *Sulwe* (2019), which became a number one *New York Times* Best-Seller.

## Telly and Kofi Annan



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Telly Monster is a slightly neurotic young monster who lives at 1304 Sesame Street. Telly was initially conceived as a monster obsessed with watching television; his name is short for Television Monster. The character was first seen in Episode 1257, during the tenth season. By the twelfth season, Telly had developed a worrywart personality, making him a character who always needed reassurance in order to be confident. However, Telly evolved over time, gaining a much stronger emotional range. Another of Telly's more definable traits is his affinity for triangles. Kofi Annan (1938-2018) was the Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1997 to 2007. In 2002, Kofi Annan appeared on *Sesame Street* in Episode 3991 with Telly et al. to deliver an important lesson about cooperation from the U. N. It may also be the only time Annan ever sang on camera.

Kofi Annan (1938-2018) was a Ghanaian diplomat who served as the Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1997 to 2007. He has appeared on *Sesame Street* in Episode 3991, as well as the South African co-production, *Takalani Sesame*. Annan also was honored at the 2003 Annual Sesame Workshop Benefit Gala. Annan and the UN were the co-recipients of the 2001 Nobel Peace Prize. The Nobel Committee also recognized Annan's commitment to the struggle to containing the spread of HIV in Africa and his declared opposition to international terrorism. He was the founder and chairman of the Kofi Annan Foundation, as well as chairman of The Elders, an international organization founded by Nelson Mandela.

